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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Release of NIE's to Foreign Governments

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1. The Board of National Estimates has reviewed [REDACTED] NIE 88-56, "Probable Developments in Colombia," with a view to their release to foreign governments.

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2. NIE 23-56. With respect to this estimate the Board notes that:

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b. The estimate refers to no specific intelligence sources, and does not compromise any NOFORN material for which this Agency is responsible.

On the basis of these considerations, the Board perceives no objection from an intelligence viewpoint to the release of this estimate [REDACTED] and recommends such release.

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3. NIE 88-56. With respect to this estimate the Board notes that:

a. There has been a general reluctance in the past to release estimates on Latin America. However, in the course of the discussion regarding release of NIE 82-55, "Probable Developments in Guatemala," the IAC clearly

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indicated that it did not desire to adopt a fixed policy against release of estimates on Latin America. Rather, the Board was instructed to base its future recommendations with respect to release on the substantive content of individual estimates (IAC-M-206, 2 August 1955, item 4 d).

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c. The estimate refers to no specific intelligence sources, and does not compromise any NOFORN material for which this Agency is responsible. The clandestine services of this Agency have been consulted and concur in this view.

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d. Positive advantage might accrue to the intelligence community if the release of this estimate should inspire [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a more liberal policy with respect to releasing to the US [REDACTED] estimates on Latin America [REDACTED]

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On the basis of the above considerations, and subject to review by other agencies of the issue of compromise of NOFORN materials [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Board perceives no objection from an intelligence viewpoint to the release of this estimate [REDACTED] and recommends such release.

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